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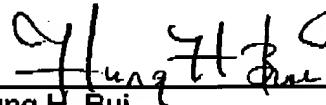
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Applicants hereby submit the attached "Amendment" (26 pgs), Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg) and Credit Card Payment Form (1 pg) in the above-identified application.

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I hereby certify that the attached "Amendment" (26 pgs), Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg) and Credit Card Payment Form (1 pg) prepared in response to the non-final Office Action (Paper No. 20) dated on May 12, 2003, is being formally filed in the USPTO via Group 2621; Examiner Brian P. Werner; Facsimile No. 703-872-9314 on **October 14, 2003**.


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 20) dated on May 12, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.